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Make A Fortune Driving A Gas Truck?

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Q. Can you explain SEN. MARK HATFIELD'S true position on Vietnam? — Mike Leahy, Portland State College

A. At one time Hatfield wanted to blockade Haiphong, but now he takes the position that the U.S. should persuade Asian countries to take over the war, allowing us to get out.



Sen. Hatfield



Dr. Henry

Q. Is it true that DR. RUSSELL HENRY, the state's chief medical investigator made a fortune in the oil business in Oklahoma? — John Kinney, Portland

A. Not unless he made it driving a gasoline truck. That's how he put himself through medical school.

Q. Is it true that former CIA chief WILLIAM F. RABORN JR. once arrived in Portland and announced to friends that it "was nice to be in Seattle again?" — Wendy Sutherland, Portland

A. Raborn, who reportedly visited Portland when he was head of Aerojet Corporation, was a notoriously poor student of geography and used to drive his CIA staff to despair by interrupting high level briefings to ask penetrating questions such as, "where is Sino?" Whether he



Singer



DeBerry

also confused Portland with Seattle is a story we can't confirm or deny.

Q. How did JACQUES SINGER, conductor of the Oregon Symphony, get his beautiful accent? — T.R., Portland

A. This is something of a puzzler, since he came to the United States from Poland when he was only a year old. However, an accent gives an artist mystique, and Jacques seems to enjoy it.

Q. I understand that CLYDE DeBERRY, Oregon's leader of the Congress of Racial Equality and a black power advocate, now claims that he is not a Negro. — M.A., Portland

A. DeBerry says he quit being a "Negro" two years ago and that now he considers himself a "black man." DeBerry and other black power adherents believe the word "Negro" represents a concept formed in days of slavery, so they disdain being called by that word.

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